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 SUBJECT: MORE SPECULATION ON NEW EGYPTIAN PRIME MINISTER  
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CAIRO COLUMNIST ALI AMIN REPORTS IN HIS WEEKLY ARTICLE TODAY  
 THAT PRESIDENT SADAT WILL TURN OVER THE PRIME MINISTERSHIP,  
 WHICH HE HAS HELD SINCE MARCH 1973, TO FIRST DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER  
 HIJAZI WITHIN TWO WEEKS AND WILL ASK HIJAZI TO FORM A NEW  
 CABINET.

SADAT HIMSELF ANNOUNCED ON WEDNESDAY THAT HE WAS READY TO  
 TURN THE JOB OVER TO A FULL TIME PRIME MINISTER. HE GAVE NO  
 MORE THAN A VAGUE HINT AS TO THE TIMING OF HIS MOVE, HOWEVER, AND  
 DID NOT SPECIFY THAT THE MAN TABBED WOULD BE HIJAZI. ALTHOUGH  
 HIJAZI PROBABLY WILL BE SELECTED, ALI AMIN'S DEFINITIVE ASSERTION

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THAT THIS IS THE CASE AND HIS ESTIMATE THAT THE MOVE WILL OCCUR  
 IN TWO WEEKS SHOULD BE REGARDED AS NO MORE THAN GUESSES. AMIN  
 OFTEN REPORTS AS FACT WHAT IS IN ACTUALITY HIS OWN, OCCASIONALLY  
 INACCURATE, SPECULATION.

IF AND WHEN SADAT'S "RESIGNATION" OCCURS, HE WILL NOT BE  
 RELINQUISHING ANY IMPORTANT POWER. HE ASSUMED THE POST LAST YEAR  
 IN A MOVE TO CONSOLIDATE PLANNING FOR THE WAR AND HAS SINCE BEEN  
 RELUCTANT TO LEAVE IT ONLY BECAUSE HE FEARS THIS WOULD GIVE THE  
 IMPRESSION THAT HE IS GIVING UP THE "STRUGGLE" WITH ISRAEL  
 BEFORE THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES HAVE BEEN RETURNED. HIJAZI HAS  
 BEEN SERVING AS PRIME MINISTER IN ALL BUT NAME, BUT SADAT AS  
 PRESIDENT HAS WIELDED AND WILL CONTINUE TO EXERCISE THE EFFECTIVE  
 POLICY-MAKING <sup>AUTHORITY</sup> IN THE GOVERNMENT. E-2 IMPDET.H

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